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Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2005 12:21 PM
To: Bellinger, John B (L Bureau)
Subject: FW: Amnesty says CIA detainee flights used UK territory

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John -

This looks like it may have made it to everyone but you, so just passing it along.

Best,

Damon (7-1270)

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From: Williams, Veronica X
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From: Shvetz, Brendon
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Subject: Amnesty says CIA detainee flights used UK territory

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^Amnesty says CIA detainee flights used UK territory

LONDON, Dec 15 (Reuters) - Amnesty International said on Thursday Britain had allowed the CIA to operate flights on its territory to transport terrorism detainees illegally and demanded that the government launch an investigation.

"The UK has allowed these aircraft to land, refuel and take off from their territory," the human rights group's regional director Claudio Cordone said in a statement.

"The UK government must launch an immediate, thorough and independent investigation into mounting evidence that its territory has been used to assist in unlawfully transporting detainees to countries where they may face "disappearance", torture or other ill-treatment," he added.

The British government said on Monday it had no evidence that the current U.S. administration has been transporting terrorism suspects through British airports.

Cordone said: "Whether the U.S. is sending people to other countries to be tortured, or snatching them in other countries to be abused in Guantanamo, international law prohibits the UK, or any other state, from aiding or abetting them."

Human rights groups accuse the CIA of running secret prisons in eastern Europe and covertly transporting detainees -- a practice known as "extraordinary rendition". They say incommunicado detention often leads to torture.

The Amnesty statement named several men it said had been abducted by the CIA and flown to Jordan and Egypt as part of the U.S. campaign of "extraordinary rendition".

In each case a Gulfstream V, registration N379P, had stopped to refuel at Prestwick airport in Scotland on its way back to the United States after dropping off its passengers, it said.

It cited the case of Jamil Qasim Saeed Mohammed who it said was seen being bundled aboard the CIA plane by masked men in Karachi on Oct 23, 2001. The plane then flew to Jordan and the following day, now without its passenger, it flew to Prestwick and then on to Dulles International airport near Washington.

It demanded that the United States reveal Mohammed's whereabouts.

Amnesty said that on Jan. 12, 2002, Indonesian security officials saw Muhammad Saad Iqbal Madni being put on the plane in Jakarta and flown to Cairo. Once again the plane stopped in Prestwick to refuel after depositing its passenger.

It said Iqbal Madni had since been returned to U.S. jurisdiction and was now a detainee in Guantanamo Bay where fellow detainees had said he was on the verge of a breakdown.

Amnesty cited a third case where a Swedish investigation has already revealed that U.S. security officials took Ahmed Agiza and Mohammed al-Zari from Sweden to Cairo for torture.

In total, Gulfstream N379P had been logged between 2001 and 2005 making at least 78 stopovers at British airports while en route to or from destinations such as Baku, Dubai, Cyprus, Karachi, Qatar, Riyadh, Tashkent, and Warsaw, Amnesty said.

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